

Attorney Docket No. P13012

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**1.) Claim Amendments**

The Applicant has amended claims 2-4, and 19-22; claims 1, 5-18, and 23-29 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 19-22, and 30-31 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Examiner Objections - Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification. In response, the Applicant has amended the drawings to add an access control part 102a. The Applicant has also modified the specification to refer to the access control part 102a. Support for this amendment may be found throughout the specification and in the original claim 1. The Examiner's consideration of the amendments to the Drawings and Specification is respectfully requested.

3.) Examiner Objections - Claims

The Examiner objected to the claims because of inconsistencies between claims 1-4 and 11-15. Again, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. Solely in order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has deleted claims 11-15 without prejudice. Thus, this objection is deemed to be moot.

4.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 5-7, 16, and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bell et al. (US 6,445,921). Solely, in order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 5-7, 16, and 23-26 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot.

Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to depend from amended claim 19, and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 19. Therefore, the allowance of claims 21 and 22 is respectfully requested.

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5.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell (US 6,445,921) in view of Karlsson et al. (US 6,245,670). Soley, in order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 8-12 without prejudice. Therefore, this rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from amended claim 2 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 2. Therefore, the allowance of claims 3 and 4 is respectfully requested.

6.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant notes with appreciation the conditional allowance of claims 2, 19, and 27-29 and the allowance of claims 30 and 31. As the Examiner has suggested, claims 2, 19, 27 and 29 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitation of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore no amendments have been made to narrow the scope of the pending claims or to create any sort of estoppel.

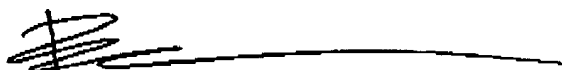
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

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The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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